

line 2, delete "(3)" and "(2)".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "or 2";

line 2, delete "(3)" and "(2)".

Claim 7, line 1, change "one of the preceding claims" to --claim 1--;

line 2, delete "(3)".

Please add new Claims 8-13 as follows:

<sup>3</sup> ~~8~~. The laminated stator body as claimed in claim 2, wherein the number of notches is twice as great as the number of slots.

<sup>5</sup> ~~9~~. The laminated stator body as claimed in claim 2, wherein the notches have a width of between 0.5 mm and 1 mm.

<sup>9</sup> ~~10~~. The laminated stator body as claimed in claim 3, wherein the notches have a width of between 0.5 mm and 1 mm.

<sup>8</sup> ~~11~~. The laminated stator body as claimed in claim 4, wherein the notches have a width of between 0.5 mm and 1 mm.

<sup>13</sup> ~~12~~. The laminated stator body as claimed in claim 5, wherein the notches have a width of between 0.5 mm and 1 mm.

<sup>12</sup> ~~13~~. The laminated stator body as claimed in claim 6, wherein the notches have a width of between 0.5 mm and 1 mm.--

#### REMARKS

The above amendment corrects the dependency of the claim structure and eliminates multiple dependent claims as well as adds new Claims 8-13. Each of the claims are fully

supported by the specification. No new matter is added. Therefore a full and thorough examination on the merits of the Claims 1-13 is requested.

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